Export of Iron-Ore by NMDC

†3017. SHRI RAMADHAR KASHYAP: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) the quantum of iron-ore exported by NMDC during the last three years;

(b) the date of expiry of the agreement for export of iron-ore by NMDC;

(c) whether the Chhattisgarh Government has sent a proposal to meet the requirements of raw materials for the units of the State instead of extending the period of export-agreement;

(d) whether any proposal has unanimously been passed by the State Assembly in this regard; and

(e) the decision taken by Central Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (DR. AKHILESH DAS): (a) The quantity of iron ore exported by NMDC in the last 3 yars is given below:—

Year	2003-04	2004-05	2005-06
Total (Qty. in million tonnes)	7.0	7.5	5.9

(b) The last long term agreement, for export of iron-ore to Japanese steel mills, Korean steel mills and Chinese steel mills by NMDC has expired on 31.3.2006.

(c) and (d) Yes, Sir.

(e) The Ministery of Steel has held meetings with representatives of Chhattisgarh based units, senior officers of the State Government and officers of NMDC. Based on the deliberations in the meetings it has been decided that;

(i) NMDC wold allocate 2 million tonnes of iron ore to Chhattisgarh based units during 2006-07.

(ii) This allocation would be reviewed after 6 months and depending on off-take revisions could be considered.

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(iii) NMDC will facilitate evacuation and lifting of material by Chhatisgarh based units.

(iv) State Government would consider grant of a specific mining lease in favour of a joint venture company to be formed by NMDC alongwith State Mineral Development Corporation for supply of iron ore to Chhattisgarh based Steel Plant.

With regard to long term agreements, for export, the government has decided to renew the agreements for another 5 years.

Supply of Iron Ore

†3018. SHRI RAMADHAR KASHYAP: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) the number and names of industrial units in Chhattisgarh to which allocation of iron-ore has been made by NMDC for the current year;

(b) the names of the units out of the units referred to in part (a) above alongwith the amount deposited by-each of them with NMDC for supply of iron-ore, as on 31st January, 2006,

(c) whether the units referred to in part (b) above, have been supplied with the iron ore;

(d) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(e) by when the entire quantum of iron ore will be supplied to these units?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (DR. AKHILESH DAS): (a) During 2005-06, NMDC made allocation of iron ore to 70 Chhattisgarh based sponge iron/steel units. Of these only 47 units were regularly lifting the allocated quantities of iron ore. As such the unavailed allocations of the remaining units were reallocated among 47 units which were regularly lifting iron ore. The names of these units along with the allocation made to them (including reallocations) are given in the Statement-I (See below).

(b) The total amounts deposited by the 47 units included in annexure-A upto 31.1.2006 was Rs. 83.23 crores. Details are given in the Staiement-II (See below).